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REMARKS

An Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter is submitted herewith for eight (9) total claims and two (2) independent claims.

Claims 1-35 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 have been amended to more particularly define the invention. Claims 27-35 have been added to claim additional features of the claimed invention.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 5, 12 and 19 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. However, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are allowable and, therefore, declines to rewrite these claims at this time.

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-18 and 20-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Cannon, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,748,484).

These rejections are respectfully traversed in the following discussion.

I. THE CLAIMED INVENTION

The claimed invention, as recited, for example, in claim 1, is directed to an operation screen creating system for creating an operation screen. The system includes a paste-up information receiving unit for receiving paste-up information to paste on information pasting regions on the operation screen, a paste-up information setting unit for setting the position and size of the paste-up information to be pasted on the information pasting regions on the operation screen, a barycenter of the paste-up information coinciding with a predetermined point on the operation screen, and an operation screen creating unit for creating a new operation screen according to the result of the setting set by the paste-up information setting unit. The operation screen is for a control terminal which controls a remote terminal via a communication line.

Importantly, the operation screen creating unit includes an editing device for editing at

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least one of a position and size of the information pasting regions to create the operation screen for controlling the remote terminal.

Conventional operation screen creating systems include many different kinds of screen pages (Application at page 4, lines 6-7). As a result, it takes a lot of time and effort to make these screen pages individually (Application at page 4, lines 9-10).

The claimed invention, on the other hand, includes an editing device for editing at least one of a position and size of the information pasting regions to create the operation screen for controlling the remote terminal. (Application at page 10, lines 22-26). Thus, the operation screen may be created based on a predetermined setting value for pasting, such that the operation may be easily altered, in contrast to creating an operation screen from the start (Application at page 10, lines 27-31).

II. THE CANNON REFERENCE

The Examiner alleges that Cannon teaches the claimed invention. Applicant submits, however, that there are elements of the claimed invention which are neither taught nor suggested by Cannon.

Cannon discloses a system for ordering and printing social expression (i.e., greeting cards). The system includes a database preparation system, a number of card display/order systems, and a number of card printing systems. The database preparation system uses a scanner to input images from a plurality of cards, or a computer software program to create images for use in card designs. The database preparation system can also build a card parameter database to enable a user to select a desired category of cards. Each card display/order system accesses these databases and image files by computer network, modem, cable television, or by transfer of removable data storage media (Cannon at Abstract).

However, Cannon does not teach or suggest "*an editing device for editing at least one of a position and size of said information pasting regions to create said operation screen for controlling said remote terminal*", as recited, for example, in claims 1, 8 and 15, and similarly recited in claim 22.

As noted above, unlike conventional operation screen creating systems which require a lot of time and effort to make these operation screen pages individually, the claimed invention, includes an editing device for editing at least one of a position and size of the

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information pasting regions to create the operation screen for controlling the remote terminal. (Application at page 10, lines 22-26). Thus, the operation screen may be created based on a predetermined setting value for pasting, such that the operation may be easily altered, in contrast to creating an operation screen from the start (Application at page 10, lines 27-31).

For example, in the exemplary aspect of the present invention illustrated in Figure 3, the before pasting, the information paste-up regions 240 (e.g., preset information paste-up regions) include outlined areas on a background screen (Application at page 10, lines 1-10). The paste-up information may be (e.g., initially) pasted onto the preset information paste-up regions. Afterwards, the position and size of the information paste-up regions 240 may be edited (e.g., using an editing device) (Application at page 10, lines 15-26). The editing device may include either an automatic editing device or a user operated editing device (e.g., a mouse or keyboard, etc.) (Application at page 10, line 22-page 12, line 11)

Clearly, these features are not taught or suggested by Cannon. Indeed, the Cannon reference does not even recognize one of the problems (e.g., the long time needed to create operation screens) which the claimed invention was intended to address.

In fact, Applicant respectfully submits that Cannon merely discloses a system for printing social expression cards and is completely unrelated to the claimed invention. Cannon may describe software for displaying a layout of such a card on a display device (e.g., see Cannon at Abstract). However, Cannon clearly does not teach or suggest the novel features of the claimed invention including an editing device for editing at least one of a position and size of the information pasting regions to create the operation screen for controlling the remote terminal.

Cannon may describe an input device such as a keyboard or mouse. However, Cannon merely teaches that the input device is merely used to create a social expression card. Nowhere does Cannon teach or suggest that the input device may be used to edit at least one of a position and size of information pasting regions (e.g., outlined areas on a background screen).

Applicant would point out that even assuming (arguendo) that Cannon discloses adjusting a size or other attributes of a greeting card displayed on a display screen, this clearly cannot be equated with the claimed invention which may edit at least one of a position and

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size of information pasting regions. That is, an information pasting region may be used to create an operation screen form controlling a remote terminal. This is clearly different from a simple greeting card displayed on a screen.

Moreover, the input device in Cannon clearly cannot be equated with the "editing device" of the claimed invention, since nowhere does Cannon teach or suggest that the input device is used to create an operation screen for controlling the remote terminal.

The Examiner further alleges that Cannon discloses an area for personalized text 72, selecting the panel where the text is to be placed, and entering the text position, such as by entering specific coordinates, and selecting a text font and point size (e.g., see Cannon at col. 12, lines 13-23). However, nowhere does this passage, nor anywhere else in Cannon for that matter, teach or suggest editing at least one of a position size of information pasting regions to create an operation screen for operating a remote printer.

Therefore, Applicant submits that there are elements of the claimed invention that are not taught or suggest by Cannon. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

III. FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-35, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.